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COMPLAINT

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF
v.	U.S.C. Title 18 Section 2113(a)
RONALD CHESTER NORDFELT	Bank Robbery

BEFORE ______________________________ San Diego, California
NAME OF MAGISTRATE ADDRESS OF MAGISTRATE

THE UNDERSIGNED COMPLAINANT BEING DULY SWORN STATES:

That on or about October 17, 2007, at San Diego , California, within the Southern District of California:

RONALD CHESTER NORDFELT

did by force, violence and intimidation unlawfully take from the person and presence of employees at the Bank of America, 5851 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, California, United States currency in the sum of $1,631.00, belonging to, or in the care, custody, management or possession of the Bank of America, 5851 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, California, whose deposits were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113 (a);

And the complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached affidavit which is incorporated herein by reference.

Kevin J. Strauss
Special Agent, FBI

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence on this 18th day of October, 2007.

United States Magistrate Judge

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)

I, Kevin J. Strauss, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) assigned to the San Diego Field Division. My primary assignment is the investigation of bank robberies and other violent crimes. The information contained in this affidavit is based upon my personal knowledge and on the information I have learned from reviewing official reports and speaking with other local and federal law enforcement officers.

2. On Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at approximately 2:50 p.m., the affiant responded to the report of a robbery at the Bank of America, 5851 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, California.

3. The affiant interviewed the victim teller who advised as follows: On Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at approximately 2:45 p.m., the victim teller was working at her teller window when she was approached by an older white male, later identified as RONALD CHESTER NORDFELT. As NORDFELT approached the teller counter he said, "Do not push the alarm button. This is a robbery. Stay calm." NORDFELT placed a demand note on the teller counter. The demand note was handwritten on yellow, lined, notebook paper and it said

something to the effect of, "This is a robbery. Do not turn back. Do not push the alarm. Do as I say." NORDFELT was holding a large yellow manilla envelope. The victim teller complied with the demand note and she removed U.S. currency from her teller drawer. The victim teller placed the money on the teller counter. NORDFELT picked up the money and placed it in the manilla envelope. NORDFELT turned away and exited the bank via the south lobby doors.

4. The affiant interviewed a bank employee who advised as follows: On Wednesday, October 17, 2007, at approximately 2:45 p.m., the employee was advised that the bank had just been robbed. The employee immediately exited the bank via the south lobby doors. The employee saw an individual wearing a purple baseball hat nervously and quickly walking away from the bank. The individual got into the driver's seat of a newer model, blue Nissan Maxima. The employee observed that the vehicle's license plate was partially obscured by a piece of paper. The employee approached the vehicle, moved the piece of paper and read the license plate. The employee stepped aside as the vehicle backed out of the parking space and left the parking lot area. The employee wrote the license plate number 5EYP302 on a piece of paper. The employee returned to the bank and reported the vehicle description and license plate information to officers of the San Diego Police Department.

5. Based on statements made by the victim teller and a review of the video surveillance photographs, the bank robber is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	50s
Height:	5'6" - 5'8"
Weight:	Approximately 175 pounds
Build:	Noticeable beer belly
Complexion:	White, scruffy, unshaven face
Head Covering:	Purple baseball cap with "Los Angeles Lakers" logo on front
Clothing:	Navy blue or black jacket with collar; light blue jeans

6. On Wednesday, October 17, 2007, San Diego Police Department dispatchers determined that vehicle license 5FYP302 is registered to a 2004 Nissan Maxima. The registered owner of that vehicle was determined to be RONALD CHESTER NORDFELT, 935 Rawhide Court, Bonita, California.

7. On Wednesday, October 17, 2007, shortly after the robbery of the Bank of America, 5851 Balboa Avenue, two San Diego Police Department patrol officers assigned to a single police car responded to the vicinity of 935 Rawhide Court, Bonita, California. While en route to that location, the officers observed the blue Nissan Maxima bearing California license 5FYP302 driving eastbound on Bonita Road in Bonita, California. The officers attempted to stop the vehicle using their emergency lights. The driver failed to yield and a high-speed pursuit ensued. The pursuit ended when the driver of the Nissan Maxima failed to negotiate a turn in a residential area and crashed violently into the

corner of an occupied house. The driver of the vehicle was taken into custody at gunpoint without further incident. The driver of the vehicle was identified as RONALD CHESTER NORDFELT. At the time of his arrest, NORDFELT was wearing a purple "Polo" brand shirt, light blue jeans, gray running shoes and a black, collared "Polo" brand jacket.

8. The affiant spoke to an FBI Agent who assisted in the search of NORDFELT's vehicle, subsequent to NORDFELT's arrest. That FBI Agent advised that the following items of evidence were seized from NORDFELT's vehicle:

- Purple baseball hat with "LA Lakers" logo
- Dark "Ray Ban" sunglasses
- Bank robbery demand note written on lined, yellow notebook paper
- Yellow manilla envelope with "B of A" written on front
- U.S. currency totaling $1,629.00

9. The affiant interviewed RONALD CHESTER NORDFELT subsequent to his arrest. NORDFELT was advised of his Constitutional Miranda rights. NORDFELT voluntarily agreed to waive his rights and answer questions without an attorney present. NORDFELT voluntarily confessed to robbing the BANK OF AMERICA, 5851 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, California, on October 17, 2007. NORDFELT is described as follows:

Name:	RONALD CHESTER NORDFELT
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	December 5, 1955

Height: 5'8"

Weight: 180 pounds

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Gray

Facial Hair: Several day's growth

Social Security #: XXX-XX-0547

10. The affiant has confirmed that the deposits of the Bank of America, 5851 Balboa Avenue, San Diego, California, were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) at the time of the bank robbery on October 17, 2007. The Bank of America incurred a loss of $1,631.00 as a result of that bank robbery.

Kevin J. Strauss
Special Agent, FBI

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 18th day of October, 2007, at 1355hrs ~~a.m./p.m.~~

United States Magistrate Judge